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State Capitol, Room 423

H.C.R. 60 / H.R. 61  
REQUESTING THE HARBORS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY  
OF ESTABLISHING A HAWAII COMMERCIAL HARBORS AUTHORITY.

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division **supports** H.C.R. 60 and H.R. 61 which requests convening a task force to conduct a feasibility study of a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority.

Harbors Division further supports the composition of the task force to include other State agencies, the Hawaii Harbors Users Group, and relevant unions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park  
On Behalf of Matson  
Support of HCR60/HR61  
Before the Committee on Transportation  
March 22, 2019

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members,

Matson strongly supports HCR60/HR61, which requests the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to convene a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority. Matson is the largest user of the state harbor system and the largest contributor to the operating budget of the State's harbors. A Commercial Harbors Authority will allow for a more efficient and cost-effective process for much needed harbor renovations. It will also create a platform for integrated planning that will greatly benefit the State of Hawaii.

The current governance model is not conducive to maximizing efficiency for the current harbor system. The responsibility of development, management, and operation of the State's commercial harbor system are distributed among several state agencies. Delays to the capital program, deferral of maintenance and modernization resulting from complex State approval requirements and decision-making processes are limiting capacity to accommodate demand. An independent authority would allow for quicker decision-making and a streamlined process for budgeting and procurement.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in strong support.

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THE HOUSE  
Committee on Transportation  
Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair  
Representative Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair  
State Capitol, Conference Room 423  
Friday, March 22, 2019; 10:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.C.R. 60/H.R. 61**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.C.R. 60/H.R. 61, which requests the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to convene a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority.

The ILWU Local 142 has serious concerns over the establishment of a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority. That said, we support the effort to convene a working group to ensure all stakeholders such as the ILWU Local 142 have a voice over any potential decisions regarding the possible formation of a Harbor Authority.

The ILWU Local 142 recommends the passage of H.C.R. 60/H.R. 61. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**  
AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association

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DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
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STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HAWAII  
COMMERCIAL HARBORS AUTHORITY

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO at this time takes no position on the creation of a Harbors Authority, but appreciates the opportunity to formally have a seat at the table to study and determine the feasibility and appropriateness of creating an Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.C.R. 60 and H.R. 61.

Respectfully submitted,

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